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COUNTY'S KING OF HEARTS MARRIES VALENTINE'S DAY COUPLES

County Assessor/Recorder/Clerk Helps Couples Celebrate Day of Love by Saying "I Do"

Couples hoping to get married or renew their wedding vows on Valentine's Day can do so at any of the County Clerk's five marriage offices. Appointments are not necessary and blood tests are not required.

In order to accommodate all of the couples who want to say "I do" on the most romantic day of the year, the County's marriage offices in downtown San Diego, Kearny Mesa, Chula Vista, El Cajon and San Marcos will stay open an extra hour. The offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"Valentine's Day is always a special day in our offices and it's an honor to share in the celebration of marriage with each couple," said Gregory J. Smith, County Assessor/Recorder/Clerk and Commissioner of Civil Marriages.

Couples should expect to pay \$50 for the marriage license and \$50 for the ceremony. They may also choose to have their wedding webcast on the Internet or have the ceremony videotaped. Additional mementos include a Polaroid photo, commemorative pen used to sign the marriage license, and a decorative wedding keepsake.

Last Valentine's Day, nearly 160 couples were married at County offices. Many of those couples chose to be married at the County Administration Center downtown where there's an option to have an outside ceremony at the wedding arbor overlooking San Diego Bay. The following are the County's marriage offices:

- Downtown San Diego, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 273- (619) 237-0502
- Chula Vista, 590 Third Avenue- (619) 498-2277
- El Cajon, 200 S. Magnolia Avenue- (619) 401-5750
- Kearny Mesa, 9225 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard- (858) 505-6226
- San Marcos, 334 Via Vera Cruz, Suite 150- (760) 940-6858

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